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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/880,658 Confirmation No. 7329  
Applicant : Eldridge et al.  
Filed : June 13, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 2829  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 13, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to August 13, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Attached** at the end of this paper are copies of two Information Disclosure Statements previously filed and received by the PTO on April 1, 2003 and August 11, 2003.